

ArizonaSERVES Task Force Member Bios

Dr. Sylvester Ajagbe is the Founder and Chairman of Arizona Foundation for Social Justice Children and Youth Services. He was also the founder of PASSAGE Transition Coalition of Maricopa County that comprises over 50 agencies serving foster youth and the founder of the first Arizona Transition Center for Foster Youth and Alumni. Over the years he has served on the Boards of Directors of numerous non-profit organizations including his current service as Arizona Call-A-Teen Youth Resources, Inc., PASSAGE Transition Coalition of Maricopa County and the Arizona Interfaith Coalition for Foster Children and Families. Dr. Ajagbe holds a Doctorate of Ministry from Graduate Theological Foundation, USA, a Doctor of Theology in Pastoral Counseling (summa cum laude) from St. John's University USA, a Licentiate and Doctorate of Sacred Theology (magna cum laude) from Marianum, Roma, a Master's Degree in Theology from the University of Notre Dame, USA, a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Concordia University in Montreal, Canada and a Bachelor's Degree in Theology (summa cum laude) from Pontificia Universitas Lateranensis, Roma. Currently, he is an Adjunct professor of Philosophy and World Religions at Mesa Community College.

Jason Bachman was born and raised in North Dakota. He graduated from North Central University in 1997 with a Bachelor of Arts in Urban Ministries. He and his wife Natalie coordinated the Phoenix Convoy of Hope outreach in February, 2010 and currently are on staff at Lighthouse Church in Peoria, AZ.

As a fifth generation pastor, Terry Crist has a lifetime of experience in helping hurting people. In addition to founding and pastoring four churches. He has traveled extensively into over sixty nations speaking in local churches, leadership conferences, and on university campuses. Terry and his wife, Judith, serve as the senior pastors of City of Grace a thriving, five-thousand member, multi-site congregation with campuses in Scottsdale, Mesa, and soon launching in Phoenix.

Diana Yazzie Devine, NAC's President/CEO has been working with Native American urban and tribal entities since 1972 and has been employed as the CEO of Native American Connections (NAC) since 1979 – for over 30 years. NAC is a 501 (c) 3 Native American operated nonprofit corporation that provides comprehensive behavioral health services, affordable housing development and management, and community based economic development opportunities serving populations both on/off tribal reservations. In January 2010, in addition to her other duties, Ms. Devine was appointed CEO of HomeBase Youth Services (HBYS) when Native American Connections contracted to provide administration and management services for HBYS. Ms. Devine has an MBA from Arizona State University and holds current state and International licenses in substance abuse counseling. She dedicates her time to numerous local, state and national committees.

Russ Dickey was born in Dallas, TX and has spent 35 years of his life in the Valley. He received his Business Degree from USC in 1984 and a law degree from ASU in 1987, and he is

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currently a CPA in Texas and member of the State Bar of Arizona. He left his position as legal counsel of a local business four years ago to become Executive Director of the Arizona Christian Foundation. As Executive Director, in addition to working with Christian donors, he has a passion for building collaborative efforts to impact important community issues, such as hunger, foster care and building leadership in impoverished communities.

Karl Gentles, APR, is president and CEO of KGPR, a strategic communications and public relations consultancy helping a diverse range of clients navigate complex corporate and political issues. The firm's work focuses on reputation management, government and public affairs, political consulting and nonprofit management.

Marguerite Harmon (known as Peg Harmon) moved to Arizona from Pittsburgh, PA in 1975 to attend the University of Arizona and received her MS in 1976. She joined Catholic Community Services (CCS) of Southern Arizona, Inc as a Program Director in 1978, became an Executive Director of one of the agencies of CCS in 1980 and became CEO of the corporation in 1999. Peg has been a lifelong practicing Catholic and is married with three grown children.

Kathleen Heard is the Area Agency on Aging Director of the South Eastern Arizona Governments Organization (SEAGO), a regional planning agency that serves the four counties of Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, and Santa Cruz and focuses on issues that often cross jurisdictional boundaries, such as water quality, community and economic development initiatives, transportation, aging, and social service issues and the need for affordable, accessible housing. Kathleen has worked for SEAGO overseeing the aging programs since 1972, with a five year break from 1977-1982. She earned a degree from the U of A in Latin American Studies, and a minor in math. Kathleen was born in Peru, and was raised there and in Bolivia until the age of 16. She is bilingual Spanish-English and has always been very interested in benefit programs, and helping old individuals understand those programs.

Cathi Herrod is President of Center for Arizona Policy (CAP). CAP is a nonprofit research and education organization committed to protecting and defending the family by influencing policy, communicating truth, and empowering families to promote timeless values. For over 20 years, Cathi has been recognized as a public policy leader and advocate for families in Arizona. Cathi earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Government with honors and Juris Doctor from the University of Texas at Austin. Cathi and her husband, Mike, also a lawyer, reside in Phoenix and have two adult children.

Gary Kinnaman served as Senior Pastor of Word of Grace Church for twenty-five years. Under his leadership, the church grew to an average weekend attendance of over 4500. He now serves as a pastor at large, mentoring and networking church, government and market

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place leaders to serve the Phoenix area. His leadership in this regard led to his appointment to Chairman of the Governor Napolitano's Council on Faith and Community. Gary is a graduate of Biola University (B.A.), Arizona State University (M.A.), Fuller Theological Seminary (M.A. in Theology), and Western Conservative Baptist Seminary (DMin.). A gifted communicator, Gary has written ten books, His most recent is the critically acclaimed, *Seeing in the Dark: Getting the Facts on Depression and Finding Hope Again*. Gary and his wife, Marilyn, who make their home in Gilbert, Arizona, have three adult children and seven grandchildren.

Mike Normand is the Director of Community and Grant Services with ADOT, where he oversees federal funding for rural and special needs transit programs. Mike has over 20-years experience in transportation operations and planning. Prior to joining ADOT, Mike served as the Transportation Services & Planning Manager for the City of Chandler, and served on the Board of Directors for About Care, a Chandler based non-profit providing services to the homebound elderly and disabled. Mike also worked with Valley Metro on the Central Phoenix/East Valley Light Rail Project, and has held management positions with Sound Transit in Seattle and Community Transit in Snohomish County, Washington. Mike is an AICP Certified Planner, holds a BA in Urban Planning and a Masters Degree in Public Administration. Mike resides with his family in Chandler, is a long-time member of Desert Cross Lutheran Church and is an active volunteer with Habitat For Humanity.

Rev. Diane Swanson grew up in Tucson, Arizona and graduated from the University of Arizona in 1985 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. While she worked full time as a registered nurse, she also ministered as a children's pastor, youth pastor, women's ministry leader and pastor's wife. She has more than 20 years of youth and children's ministry experience. She sat on the Mohave County Board of Health in 1999-2001. She joined Teen Challenge to be the Director of the Home of Hope women and children center in 2003. Diane is a member of Casa Grande Alliance and of Casa Grande First Assembly of God church. She has two children, Charlene 20 and David 18.

Wayne Tormala has dedicated his career to human service for 38 years, and has provided leadership in both the public and private sectors at the local, state, national and global levels. During this tenure, Wayne has directed programs across a wide range of issues in the arenas of mental health, environmental conservation, world hunger, poverty, economic justice, and public health. In his current role as Bureau Chief at the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS), Wayne oversees all aspects of tobacco cessation and prevention, and the prevention and management of chronic diseases, including heart disease, cancer, lung disease, stroke, asthma and diabetes. His top priority is in building a sustainable network of individuals, organizations, and communities that are united in a common campaign for preventing chronic disease and reducing commercial tobacco use in Arizona. Wayne has been happily married to Sue, an arts consultant, for 39 years; has two sons (Derek, a cellist and wine sommelier, and Zakary, a professor of social marketing at Stanford University); and is the proud grandfather of Amalia, Naia, and Henry. He relaxes by being

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with family and friends, playing guitar, and running with his dogs on the nearby desert and mountain trails of Arizona.

Jane Wabnik is a Business and Public Issues Consultant who works with all levels of government as well as with for-and-non-profit organizations. Currently she focuses on strategic planning and Homeland Security Grants for non-profit institutions. Jane has worked with all three state universities, INTEL, Karsten, and American Express as well as with various tribal entities. She has written speeches for various prominent elected and appointed officials, taught graduate courses in business and authored and co-authored articles and books. Much of her work concerns social service needs and the connections with business and education.

Nicola Winkel is a Program Consultant and Community Liaison for the Arizona Coalition for Military Families and was part of the original implementation team for the development of the ACMF public/private partnership at the Arizona National Guard. She has a background in nonprofit program development & implementation, consulting and publishing. Ms. Winkel earned her Masters Degree in Public Administration from the University of Illinois. Ms. Winkel is the spouse of a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and Operation Desert Shield/Storm.

Steve Zabalski is the Executive Director of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Phoenix Diocesan Council where he oversees the day-to-day operation of the organization's 200 employees and thousands of volunteers throughout Central and Northern Arizona. Prior to joining the Society in January 1997, Mr. Zabalski was a Senior Vice President with Transamerica Insurance Group and an Audit Manager with the accounting firm KPMG Peat Marwick. Mr. Zabalski currently serves on the Finance Committee for the Catholic Community Foundation, and is a trustee on the Board of the Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Phoenix Community Alliance, and the FBI Citizens Academy. In 1980 Mr. Zabalski graduated from California State University – Northridge with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting.

Cynthia Zwick has served as Executive Director of Arizona Community Action Association (ACAA), for the past six years. ACAA is a non-profit organization that advocates on behalf of Community Action Agencies and the low-income community throughout Arizona. ACAA works with community partners throughout the State to: educate the community about issues related to poverty; improve public policy; and ensure low-income families have access to the tools needed to become and sustain self-sufficiency. Prior to joining ACAA, Ms. Zwick served as Executive Director of the State Bar of Arizona and the Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education, where she pursued meaningful efforts to provide equal access to the justice system. She has consulted with the Central and Eastern European Law Initiative, working with the Macedonian Bar Association and Macedonian Business Lawyers Association. She is a member of Arizona Town Hall and Valley Leadership.